

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—**St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated** to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

Phone: 03 489-7716 Fax: 03 489-0991
E-mail: office@stmarys-mosgiel.school.nz
www.stmarys-mosgiel.school.nz

Term 1 Week 1

31st January 2012

62 Church Street, Mosgiel, Dunedin 9024

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Welcome back to the 2012 school year. I hope that everybody was able to take a break during the summer and a happy and restful holiday period was had by all.

2012 brings some changes to our schools staffing; and I would like to welcome Mrs Lisa Matheson into Room Four where she will be the full time class teacher and also to welcome Mrs Anne Kenneally back into her role as Deputy Principal and class teacher in Room Six.

Term One is going to be another very busy and engaging time for our pupils, we have listed a number of key dates for you to keep an eye on further in the news letter.

During the holiday break a friend of my son's a young man of fifteen passed away in a tragic accident. He was a young person who had achieved a lot in his brief life and has a lot more to look towards.

Tragedies like this force us to reflect on the big questions in life, but they also enable us to take stock of where we are and where we want to go.

I think for anyone to enjoy a fulfilling life they need to live by the old Latin quote which roughly translates as 'seize the moment' meaning don't put off until tomorrow what you should do today.

I think that at times we all procrastinate but a challenge for all in 2012 is to seize the moment.

Have a great year,
Mike Brosnahan.

Trophy Winners 2011

Bridget West Junior Memorial Trophy

—Aiden MacRae-Platten

Bridget West Senior Memorial Cup

-Tayla Anderson

St Mary's School Good Citizen Cup

-Quintin Petre



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Dates for 2012

January

Tuesday 31st Welcome Back for 2012

February

Monday 6th

Waitangi Day –no school

Wednesday 8th

Class Information Evening

Thursday 9th

BOT Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 10th

Opening School Mass 9.15

Whanau picnic day

- all parents and caregivers are most welcome to our picnic and the following games afternoon.

Thursday 16th

PTA Fish & Chip Night

Friday 24th

Assembly Room 7, 2.20pm

Monday 27th

Junior Swimming starts

School Uniform

Please remember that we at St Mary's have a uniform of which we are proud and we ask that right from the beginning of the year all people wear it with pride.

If you child is unable to come in uniform please send a note to their teacher explaining why and to enable us to treat these matters fairly.

Sunhats

Sunhats are a compulsory part of our school uniform during Terms One and Four. Please remember to ensure that your child has a royal blue **'Bucket or Aussie' style sunhat to wear for their protection.**

Uniform Pool

We have plenty of good quality second hand clothing in the uniform pool. If you wish to have a look at this please come to the school office to arrange this.

A gold coin donation to the school for this clothing is all that is requested except the jerseys which have the new school monogram—these cost \$10 each.

Healthy School

As part of our commitment to making St Mary's a healthy school we ask that pupils only bring water to school to drink.

Our internal water fountain in the foyer has a filter attached for fresh drinking water.



MusiqHub Guitar at St Mary's School [formerly 4Front School of Guitar] is looking forward to welcoming new students in 2012.

The lessons feature:

- small group learning [max of 4 per group]
- exclusive access to MusiqHub online lessons
- quality sequential teaching manuals with CD
- end of year concert backed by a live band
- tuition from MusiqHub registered tutors

For more information please visit our website at

www.schoolofguitar.co.nz or

call / text Tim Davis on 027 4895957.

Class Information Evening 8th February

Our beginning of the year meet the teachers/ information evening is being held next Wednesday night.

Please come along if it at all possible as this evening is a great opportunity to meet your **child's teacher and hear about our plans,** aspirations and expectations for the year.

Each teacher will produce a ten minute outline about what is happening in their room; as there are a number of parents who wish to visit more than one class we have run a structured timetable:

Room 1	6—6.10pm
Room 2	6.15—6.25pm
Room 3	6.30—6.40pm
Room 4	6.45—6.55pm
Room 5	7-7.10pm
Room 6	7.15-7.25pm
Room 7	7.30-7.40pm

Stationery Lists

All children will go home with their class stationery lists today. We will not be selling stationery from school this year due to having reasonably priced stationery available at Paper Plus in Mosgiel.

We will have some stationery available like pencils and rubbers for purchasing if required during the year.

A thought for the week...

Difficile est tenere quae acceperis ni exerceas.

It is difficult to retain what you may have learned unless you should practice it.